
Request for Decisions on Phase-In Timeline, Pilot Projects, and Oversight for California's QRIS

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Design subcommittee Action Items for 11-3-10 CAEL QIS:

- □ Phase-In Timeline
- □ Pilot Projects
- □ Oversight

Phase-In Timeline

- □ Review and approve CAEL QRIS
Phase-In Timeline

QRIS Phase-in Timeline

- CAEL QRIS could be phased in over 5 or more years:
 - pilot tested and evaluated for 3 or more years;
 - voluntary participation for all program for 5 or more years;
 - phase-in CAEL QRIS requirement for publicly-funded and then licensed programs so QRIS is eventually available to all California children.

Action Item: Phase-In Timeline

Recommendation 1:

■ I move that CAEL QIS be phased in over 5 or more years:

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Action Item: Initial steps for pilot projects

- □ Review and approve initial steps for **CAEL QRIS Pilot Projects**

CAEL QRIS Pilot Projects

- Range: Invite counties/regions to participate. Encourage balanced distribution of factors such as: public and private; urban and rural; infant-toddler and preschool; established and new to QRIS.
- All participation is voluntary during pilot testing. Broad and diverse participation is encouraged statewide.

CAEL QRIS Pilot Projects

- Build on local quality projects and initiatives with partners such as First 5, COEs, Colleges, etc.
- Promote local implementation of QRIS pilot based on next steps for current local quality improvement efforts
- Pilots could involve parts or all of the QRIS: Elements of Structure, Whole QRS, and/or Support Systems

CAEL QRIS Pilot Projects

First step: design evaluation of QRIS Pilot

- □ Work on evaluation questions to be addressed
- □ Develop information (lessons learned) and data collection processes
- □ Promote broad access to pilot criteria, evaluation design, and info/data collections processes

CAEL QRIS Pilot Projects

- Evidence of commitment to CAEL QIS could include:
 - Fidelity to QRIS scale and systems of support such as TA, Family Involvement, Workforce Development, and Data
 - Agreement to participate in evaluation
 - Leverage local resources, including expertise and funding
 - Demonstrated partnerships across range of programs/providers and support systems

Action Items: CAEL QRIS Pilot Projects

- I move that the initial steps for **CAEL QRIS Pilot Projects, as listed on Slides # 7-10**, be approved.

CAEL QRIS Oversight

- Review and approve **CAEL QRIS Oversight**

CAEL QRIS Oversight

- Establish a review process for every 2-3 years, with noted exceptions. Annual reviews are costly and do not provide sufficient time to institute improvements.
- Exceptions include certain situations such as Title 22 licensing issues, key staff turnover, etc.
- Check results of 1 or 2 or 3 year review periods, if possible, through pilot projects and lessons learned in other states.

CAEL QRIS Oversight

- Establish appeals process for technical issues, such as administrative or recording errors. The qualitative aspects of the QRIS reviews (e.g., ERS) would not be subject to appeal.
- Use a combination of local and state oversight to maximize expertise and resources. The QRIS reviews would be done at the county level (or regional consortium). The State Education Department would provide oversight and assurance of statewide consistency (e.g., inter-rater reliability).

CAEL QRIS Oversight

- Need to safeguard against conflicts of interest in QRIS reviews, ERS reviews, and provision of TA. Possibly provide for different administration, but not necessarily separate agencies since there are few agencies with sufficient expertise in some regions.
- Review Head Start methodology for oversight, monitoring, and TA
- Further study: determine link between tiers and child outcomes; impact of length of time programs stay in tiers; use data gathered for rating and TA to evaluate QRIS; test TA methods; and more.

Action Item: Oversight

- I move that **CAEL QRIS Oversight, as listed on Slides # 13-15, be approved.**

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Questions
and discussion

